

# Information Technology Survey

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Ainsworth, Long Pine mostly. Also Brown, Keya Paha and Rock counties.

## Group Accomplishments

Talking with local Tel. Co. and Qwest about possibilities. Local power company has just set up satellite service.

## Activities Planned

Communicating with Tel. Co. and local internet service provider about what can be done.

## Assistance Needed

Better understanding of broad band services, what options we have when internet service provider will not upgrade, DSL or other high speed internet greatly needed.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Albion, Cedar Rapids, Petersburg, Primrose, St. Edward

## Group Accomplishments

Start up organization, community grant applications, considered in primary selection as attracting a call center to Albion.

## Activities Planned

Presently working on marketing materials for business recruitment.

## Assistance Needed

Contact list to speed up the networking process with state and local agencies.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Hamilton County

**Group Accomplishments**

The establishment of the Aurora Technology Business Incubator.

**Activities Planned**

Continue development of ATBI. County wide information technology education.

**Assistance Needed**

Assist in the marketing efforts of ATBI.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Hamilton County

**Group Accomplishments**

Multiple public access points to satellite downlink services, video conference site available for business and public use, awareness programs for IT, foundation to fund info tech projects

**Activities Planned**

**Assistance Needed**

**Group Name** Beatrice Area Technology Committee

**First Name** Rich

**Last Name** Douglass

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**City** Beatrice

**State** NE

**Zip** 68310

**Phone**

**Fax**

**Email**

**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Beatrice, Gage county

**Group Accomplishments**

Received Dept. of Commerce grant for internet access with cooperation with Tel. Co., public school, library and community college. DSL access in community. Internet access for Sr. Center - NITC grant with public library.

**Activities Planned**

NITC grant is in progress. Training through Scc for community.

**Assistance Needed**

Funding.

**Group Name** City of Blair

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

**Activities Planned**

City of Blair will be moving to E-Gov with minutes, city code, zoning, cemetery records all accessible to web users. Target 2003.

**Assistance Needed**

**Group Name** Blue Hill Commerce Club (Website Committee)

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Currently working on plans of building a web site for Blue Hill

**Activities Planned**

Building this community web site

**Assistance Needed**

Ideas of funding opportunities to help pay for technology products.

**Group Name** Brainard Tech Center

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Opened a tech center for public usage, volunteers staff the center, produced imovie, newsletter, and brochure

**Activities Planned**

Develop tech center for senior citizens, Q125 history book, city website, database of addresses for alumni reunions

**Assistance Needed**

How to get people motivated? Aid to maintain center? Grants? Training for volunteers?

**Group Name** Village of Broadwater

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

None stated.

**Activities Planned**

Looking into setting up a web page for the village of Broadwater.

**Assistance Needed**

Introducing technology to unfamiliar board members. Informing them of the importance to keep up with today's business world.

**Group Name** Village of Bruning - Board of Trustees

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**City** Bruning

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Bruning, Northern Thayer and Southern Fillmore counties

**Group Accomplishments**

Studing high speed wireless internet.

**Activities Planned**

Trying to get Alltel to provide high speed communications to Bruning.

**Assistance Needed**

A way to get Alltel to work with us or some other route to get our rural area more technology focus.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Deleopment of an institutional technology plan and goals.

**Activities Planned**

Improved bandwidth for the campus, support of community bandwidth upgrades, survey to determine needs and expectations.

**Assistance Needed**

Influencing broadband service providers to install/provide service to the Chadron area.

**Group Name** Columbus Chamber Technology Task Force

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

None stated.

**Activities Planned**

Local technology inventory, supporting use of dark fiber.

**Assistance Needed**

Experts available to discuss issues.

**Group Name** Roving Computer Lab

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Counties: Holt, Knox, Cedar, Dixon, Boyd, Antelope, Pierce, Wayne

**Group Accomplishments**

Educated local citizens on the basic use of computers and how to use software.

**Activities Planned**

Continuing efforts locally.

**Assistance Needed**

A tech to handle hardware problems and person specifically assigned to schedule classes.

**Group Name** Jefferson County Economic Dev. Corp.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Fairbury, Endicott, Plymouth, Jansen, Daykin

**Group Accomplishments**

Helped set up and work with several e-commerce businesses

**Activities Planned**

E-commerce classes.

**Assistance Needed**

Grant for presenters.

**Group Name** Information Technology Committee

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings

**Group Accomplishments**

Completed several information seminars and workshops for chamber and nonmembers.

**Activities Planned**

Promote seminars in Grand Island and surrounding area.

**Assistance Needed**

None stated.

**Group Name** Perkins County Chamber Technology Committee

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Grant, Madrid, Elsie, Venango, Brandon, Grafton

**Group Accomplishments**

Organized a technology fair and expo in November 2001 in Grant.

**Activities Planned**

Coordinating efforts with Econ. Dev. Committee, looking into what tech resources are available, taking over chamber website, planning next tech fair expo.

**Assistance Needed**

How to get the money we need to fund these projects.

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**Reg Rep**  
**Regions** Harrison, Crawford, Chadron

**Group Accomplishments**

Exploring possible types of broad band access for the community. The high school is currently using fiber optics and 11 strands are unused.

**Activities Planned**

Learn more about different technologies and talk to Qwest about fiber optics. Community education.

**Assistance Needed**

Knowing how state government can play a part in this. Acquisition of broad band service provider.

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**City** Hay Springs  
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**Reg Rep**  
**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

In the process of a major computer conversion where we will be able to access internet.

**Activities Planned**

Upgrading city offices to windows environment.

**Assistance Needed**

Technology grants

**Group Name** Hemingford In Progress - Economic Dev. Subteam

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Learned work-at-home careers are possible and encouraged Omaha businesses to consider Hemingford.

**Activities Planned**

Work at home, promotion and utilizing DSL business recruitment.

**Assistance Needed**

None stated.

**Group Name** Holdrege Area Chamber of Commerce

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

None stated.

**Activities Planned**

Re-organizing education, healthcare, local govt, business, churches, library, museum, and community foundation. One goal is to increase info on homepage.

**Assistance Needed**

Some businesses barely have their accounting computerized. Technology is something needed.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Holdrege, Bertrand, Loomis, Atlanta, Funk

**Group Accomplishments**

Determining wants and needs for Phelps county.  
Trying to tie in with business retention and expansion survey.

**Activities Planned**

Needs assessment for right now.

**Assistance Needed**

A third party unbiased opinion of what were being told by tech service providers.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Imperial, Enders, Wauneta

**Group Accomplishments**

Computer education, provide wireless connections to a majority of the area, provided 225 computers to homes.

**Activities Planned**

**Assistance Needed**

**Group Name** Kimball Information Technology Comm.

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**Last Name** Brown

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Brought dial-up internet to the town, assisted in Airwave in providing high speed internet.

**Activities Planned**

**Assistance Needed**

**Group Name** Laurel Ec. Dev. & Advisory Board

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Met with high speed internet providers and tried to convince them to come to Laurel.

**Activities Planned**

To continue to push for high speed internet and educate the community.

**Assistance Needed**

Any assistance or information would be appreciated.

**Group Name** Conversation Among Small Town Librarians

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Southeast NE libraries in: Cass, Fillmore, Gage, Hamilton, Jefferson, Johnson, Lancaster, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, Richardson, Saline, Seward, Thayer, York

**Group Accomplishments**

Successful in bringing internet access, web based catalogs and services, community computer labs, access to online databases.

**Activities Planned**

Continuing discussion of technology including e-rate discounts for technology.

**Assistance Needed**

Technology resources in the region for trouble shooting, upgrades, etc. Coordination of community/state/regional efforts.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

**Activities Planned**

Continuing assistance and developing additional short workshops on more specific topics like website marketing and market research.

**Assistance Needed**

Food company referrals from other groups.

**Group Name** NMPP Energy/Essent Services Inc.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** 144 NE communities

**Group Accomplishments**

Pilot project for wireless internet service, facilitated establishment of wireless internet in several communities.

**Activities Planned**

Continued efforts to establish broad band internet service in rural communities.

**Assistance Needed**

Repeal of barrier language in LIB 827

**Group Name** Team Assessment for Community Telecom.

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**Last Name** Simmons

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** West Central Region (111 NE communities)

**Group Accomplishments**

Provides jump starts for community efforts with technology issues.

**Activities Planned**

**Assistance Needed**

**Group Name** Technology Committee under the MEDC

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Jan 16-17th Technology event currently being planned in conjunction with Tom Osborne

**Activities Planned**

TeleFuture: Revitalizing Rural America Technology event (Jan 16-17)

**Assistance Needed**

Leads on how we can find businesses to come to McCook. Numerous vacent building available.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Saunders County

**Group Accomplishments**

Provided online info for Saunders county including photos, history, community profiles.

**Activities Planned**

Maintenance of the www.co.saunders.ne.us website, and databases available online

**Assistance Needed**

More introductory courses for citizens using the web.

**Group Name** Arbor Net

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**City** Nebraska City

**State** NE

**Zip** 68410

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**Email**

**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Pushed for internet service (dial-up and DSL), provided free internet and computer in Morton James Library, pushed internet awareness in community.

**Activities Planned**

Meet with fiber optic developer

**Assistance Needed**

Money and grants to become available.

**Group Name** Village of Newcastle

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**State** NE

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Newcastle, Maskell, Obert

**Group Accomplishments**

A govt entity with the usual city business.

**Activities Planned**

Keeping the tax dollars accountable to the people.

**Assistance Needed**

In the future we need computers and email. We currently don't have any.

**Group Name** Loup Basin RC&D Economic Dev. Committee

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Counties: Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard, Loup, Sherman, Valley, Wheeler

**Group Accomplishments**

Have a strategic plan that includes 5 goals. The main one being to develop and maintain high quality telecommunications infrastructure and skills. Working with Tom Osborne's staff on a future workshop.

**Activities Planned**

Gather information, promote and encourage telecommunications, host regional workshops, educate and build skills of the local people, and encourage and support new business development with technology.

**Assistance Needed**

Inventory existing telecommunications infrastructure, info on latest technology and costs, monthly newsletter with this info, examples of successful businesses, financial assistance with mobile workshops.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Valley County including Arcadia, North Loup, Elyria, Ord

**Group Accomplishments**

Development of website, worked with NE Central Tel. Co. to get wireless internet in Ord.

**Activities Planned**

Business incubator, DSL, broadband access to rural areas, training on internet.

**Assistance Needed**

Getting broadband access to rural areas.

**Group Name** Peru Chamber of Commerce

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions**

**Group Accomplishments**

Continuing sponsorships of events and activities.

**Activities Planned**

50th anniversary Christmas dinner

**Assistance Needed**

Need help in identifying opportunities to bring broad band access to Peru to attract businesses and promote distance learning.

**Group Name** Strategic Alliance

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Scotts Bluff County, Scotts Bluff, Gering

**Group Accomplishments**

Inventory of available technology.

**Activities Planned**

Take action to communicate strengths in infrastructure and attempt to fill gaps.

**Assistance Needed**

None stated.

**Group Name** Connect Seward County

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Seward County

**Group Accomplishments**

Free server space for everyone living in Seward County. County, city, and govrn websites. Working on getting webpages static with business database.

**Activities Planned**

Promotional brochure, new revamped website, high speed access to all residents, tour to local wireless provider.

**Assistance Needed**

Money to do certain projects.

**Group Name** Cheyenne County Technology Committee

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Cheyenne County including Dalton, Gurley, Potter, Lodgepole, Sidney

**Group Accomplishments**

Group has been acitve for 5 years. Latest activity was completing a community and business survey of the county.

**Activities Planned**

Currently working on a technology fair and creating a strategic plan.

**Assistance Needed**

Without having a strategic plan in place, it is hard to tell yet.

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Dakota County, South Sioux City, Dakota City

**Group Accomplishments**

Fiber optic loop, technology SCADA, technology opportunity center, e-city program, interactive web page.

**Activities Planned**

Technology Opportunity Center will open in the Spring of 2002. New library in 2003.

**Assistance Needed**

List serve of other technology committees.

**Group Name** Saunders County Library Cooperative

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** Ashland, Cercesco, Mead, Valparaiso, Wahoo, Yutan

**Group Accomplishments**

All 6 libraries now have automated circulation, card catalog and internet.

**Activities Planned**

In the process of networking 2 libraries and eventually all 6 libraries.

**Assistance Needed**

Need additional funding of \$15,107

**Group Name** West Point Area Telecommunications Group

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**Reg Rep**

**Regions** West Point, Oakland

**Group Accomplishments**

Brought internet service to the area, scholarships to HS grads, computer and internet services to senior center, library, digital camera to chamber, community and business survey conducted.

**Activities Planned**

Currently finishing community and business surveys for technology needs.

**Assistance Needed**

None stated.